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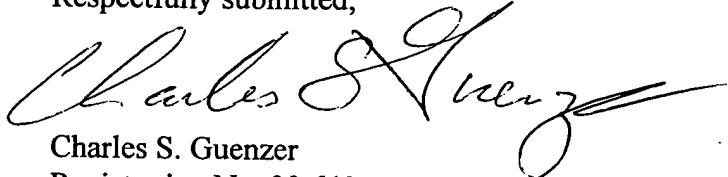
seals the structure surface pores.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in the application. These claims are based on the Annex to the English-language International Preliminary Examination Report. The amendments remove a multiple dependency and correct some non-standard English usage.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

Respectfully submitted,



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